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Cal Poly Students to Prepare Tax Returns for Underserved Communities

SAN LUIS OBISPO – Beginning Saturday, Feb. 2, Cal Poly's Orfalea College of Business accounting seniors will prepare tax returns at no charge for individuals and families with gross income of less than \$40,000 per year. The effort is part of the annual Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program.

Tax return help will be available in the third-floor computer lab in Cal Poly's Business Building, every Saturday from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Visitors are asked to enter Cal Poly via California Boulevard, and follow the signs to the Orfalea College of Business. Parking is free.

Participants are asked to bring their Social Security card or ITIN number, their 2006 tax returns and all 2007 tax-related documents, including child-care expenses, child-care provider identification number and phone number.

All tax returns will be prepared by qualified Cal Poly accounting seniors and will be reviewed by local certified tax preparers. Spanish-speaking preparers will be available to help serve the Latino community. Forms that will be prepared include 1040; 1040EZ; 1040A; 540; 540A; 540EZ and 2EZ, as well as some supporting forms.

The community service project helps community members and students avoid unnecessary tax fees and tax preparation costs.

The community service project concludes March 15. For more information, call 756-2667 (English and Spanish).

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